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From: supervisor

**Sent:** Wed 8/3/2016 6:57:32 PM

Subject: RE: Holy Trinity Cemetery-Town of Lewiston

Thank you Eric.

Steve Broderick Town Supervisor Town of Lewiston (716) 754-8213 ext. 223

**From:** Daly, Eric [mailto:Daly.Eric@epa.gov] **Sent:** Wednesday, August 03, 2016 12:18 PM

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Subject: Holy Trinity Cemetery-Town of Lewiston

## Good Afternoon:

On August 1, 2016, I visited the residences across from Holy Trinity Cemetery and hand delivered the attached letter, the fact sheet and a blank access agreement. Not all residences have a Robert Street address. There are two homes on Colt Ave and the house directly behind Area 5 resident on Irving Drive. If residents are interested, I will schedule a gamma survey assessment when our team schedule and the residents schedule allows.

I delivered resident letter to:

5380 Robert Street

5382 Robert Street (Spoke to resident and handed paperwork)

561 Colt Ave

562 Colt Ave (Spoke to resident and handed paperwork)

556 Irving Drive

From: Daly, Eric

Sent: Monday, August 01, 2016 5:57 PM

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**Subject:** Holy Trinity Cemetery-Town of Lewiston

## Good Evening:

Attached is the most recent Pollution Report for Holy Trinity Cemetery Site ending on our last tour day, 07/13/2016. We just mobilized back to Niagara Falls Boulevard Site today to continue our removal action. However, we did stop by HTC Area 5 residence to drop off radon canisters this afternoon. I also went to the other residences across the street from the Holy Trinity Cemetery and dropped off a package with a letter (HTC Robert Street Resident Letter Attached), the last site fact sheet and a blank access agreement. This is in response to the Town of Lewiston Environmental Board's request for USEPA to perform some survey work at these properties. It is up to the residence to acknowledge they want these surveys performed since there is no historical or data that identifies these properties as containing the

radioactive material.

Thanks

## **Reporting Period:** 04/14/2016 through 07/13/2016

- On April 18, 2016, OSC Daly, Health Physicist Nguyen, Weston (3) and Guardian (3) mobilized to Site. Data rams air monitoring and Radeco air sampling were utilized during operations. Skid steers with brush hog and forestry attachments cleared fence perimeter in Area 1 in order to conduct additional gamma survey with Ludlum 2241-2 with 44-20 NaI probe utilizing the Viper system.
- April 19-26, 2016, crew continued to clear brush from Areas 2, 3, 4 and 6. Gamma survey of Area 6 completed. The majority of Area 3 has been gamma surveyed.
- April 21, 2016, the fence post were set into place in Area 1. Ariel Iglesias, Paul Giardina and Oleg Povetko visited HTC. OSC Daly also did site walk with the group at Niagara Falls Boulevard Site. Town of Lewiston representatives visited the Site and provided additional contact information to OSC.
- On April 29, 2016, the radon sampling results were received for the residence in Area 5. The basement exhibited readings above 4 piC/L.
- On May 24, 2016, OSC and GES conducted walkthrough at Area 5 residence with radon mitigation system subcontractor.
- On June 5, 2016, the radon mitigation system was installed at Area 5 residence.
- By request, on June 20, 2016, Mike Basile (USEPA Public Affairs) attended the Town of Lewiston Environmental Board Meeting. There were six members of the commission present as well as two guests and the town clerk. Mike provided the board with a copy of the Holy Trinity fact sheet and also provided some maps to illustrate the areas that have been fenced off. The chairperson Gerry Wolfgang asked that USEPA consider conducting residential surveying to the west of the fenced off area.
- Due to historical information provided and current USEPA data at Area 5, it was determined to perform soil sampling along the path of the roadway that extended from the cemetery through the Area 5 property.
- On July 5, 2016, the Dan Telvock news report was released via newspaper, internet and Channel 2 news broadcast. This report covered potential/existing radiological sites within the Niagara County area. Some information was based on in-person interview with OSC Daly on June 10, 2016. Both Niagara Falls Boulevard and Holy Trinity Sites were mentioned in the news piece.
- On July 7, 2016, the Town of Lewiston approved soil boring sampling on Roberts Avenue along the pathway of the cemetery road.
- On July 8, 2016, OSC and Weston visit Area 5 and marked out soil sampling locations.
- Late afternoon July 13, 2016, U.S. Senator Charles E. Schumer put out a press request to urge the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to conduct an updated and comprehensive

assessment of the numerous radioactive hotspots in Niagara County and the Grand Island area. This request appears directly related to recent news reports covering the Niagara Falls Boulevard Site, the Holy Trinity Site and other areas of interest in Niagara County.

## **Anticipated Activities:**

- Mobilize back on Site August 1, 2016.
- Post installation radon canister sampling.
- Soil Sampling in Area 5.
- Potential gamma survey assessment in residences along Roberts Avenue.

EPA has been coordinating with NYS, Niagara County and local representatives throughout the assessment process.

Regards,

Eric

"We must, indeed, all hang together, or assuredly we shall all hang separately", Benjamin Franklin Eric M. Daly
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Attached is a Pollution Report (POLREP) regarding:

USEPA Region II Holy Trinity Cemetery 5401 Roberts Avenue, Lewiston, NY

To view this POLREP, please open the attachment.

For additional information regarding this site, please visit the website by clicking on this link: <a href="http://www.epaosc.org/holytrinitycemetery">http://www.epaosc.org/holytrinitycemetery</a>